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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY ON ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT
FUND

1. AS REQUESTED TELECON, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PREPARED
REMARKS BY SECRETARY MADE BEFORE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE OF SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MARCH
23. IN ADDITION, SECRETARY RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS ON
SUBJECT. TRANSCRIPT OF Q AND A'S WILL BE CABLED OTTAWA
AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

2. BEGIN TEXT --

WE ALSO WANT TO EXPAND OUR SUPPORT OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM, AND OF THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY THE UN SPECIALIZED
AGENCIES.

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SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE:

OUR SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE IS A VITALLY IMPORT-
TANT PART OF OUR DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A JUST AND
LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND TO PROVIDE THE MEANS
TO SUPPORT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

OUR SECURITY SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR AFRICA OF
135 MILLION DOLLARS INCLUDES THESE ELEMENTS:

-- 100 MILLION DOLLARS AS OUR SHARE IN AN INTERNATIONAL
ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND, TO PROMOTE ZIMBABWE'S PEACEFUL
TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE. ITS PURPOSES WOULD BE RAPID
RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMY AND OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO
PROVIDE MORE TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNI-
TIES FOR BLACKS, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CONFIDENCE AMONG
SKILLED WHITES TO ENCOURAGE THEM NOT TO ABANDON THEIR
JOBS AND HOMES. OUR GOAL IS TO PREVENT A COLLAPSE OF THE
ZIMBABWE ECONOMY.

AS PART OF OUR PLANNING, WE HAVE CONSULTED EXTENSIVELY
WITH THE BRITISH. WE HAVE SOLICITED THE VIEWS AND SUPPORT
OF 18 OTHER POTENTIAL DONORS. INITIAL RESPONSES HAVE BEEN
ENCOURAGING.

CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR THIS MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO
PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BENEFITTING ALL SEGMENTS OF
THE ZIMBABWE POPULATION COULD BE A CRUCIAL FACTOR IN
ENCOURAGING A NEGOTIATED POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. ITS PRE-
SENCE IN THIS BUDGET WOULD BE HELPFUL IN PERSUADING OTHER
DONORS TO CONTRIBUTE. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, CONSULT CLOS-
ELY WITH YOU AS THE OUTLINES OF THE PROGRAMS TO BE SUPPORT-
ED BY THIS FUND TAKE SHAPE, PRIOR TO ANY COMMITMENT OF
SPECIFIC AMOUNTS.

-- WE ALSO SEEK 35 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CURRENT DEVELOP-
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MENT PROGRAMS IN BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, SWAZILAND AND ZAIRE.
THESE COUNTRIES FIGURE SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE POLITICAL
EVOLUTION UNDER WAY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. FOR THIS REASON,
THESE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN INCLUDED UNDER SECURITY SUPPORT-
ING ASSISTANCE.

THE UNITED STATES HAS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN EFFORTS TO
ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA. IT IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT THIS EFFORT BE
REINFORCED BY ECONOMIC ACTIONS TO PROMOTE POLITICAL AND
ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE U.S. CAN
BE COUNTED UPON TO COOPERATE IN A CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.
THIS AID PROGRAM, THEREFORE, IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO OUR
BROADER FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE

OUR MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ENABLE FRIENDLY
AND ALLIED COUNTRIES TO MEET THEIR BASIC SECURITY RE-

QUIREMENTS, AND THUS ADD TO OUR OWN SECURITY AS WELL.

-- END TEXT.

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